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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT: KISSINGER LUSAKA DEPARTURE STATEMENT
AND PRESS CONFERENCE

1. FOR PRETORIA. THE FOLLOWING TEXT SHOULD BE RAPIDLY REPRODUCED, REGARDLESS OF METHOD, SO THAT DISTRIBUTION CAN BE MADE IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL AT PRETORIA AS FOLLOWS: 20 COPIES TO EAGLEBURGER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO TRAVELLING PRESS, 10 COPIES TO S/S CONTROL ROOM FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SECRETARY'S PARTY.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE SECRETARY' DEPARTURE STATEMENT AND THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT LUSAKA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 1240 HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1976

QUOTE

MR. FOREIGN MINISTER, ON BEHALF OF MY WHOLE DELEGATION, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AND PRESIDENT KAUNDA FOR THE WARM RECEPTION WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE. THIS WAS NOT A STOP FOR NEGOTIATION. IT WAS A STOP TO CLARIFY THE PRINCIPLES THAT WILL BE TAKEN TO PRETORIA AND THAT WE HOPE WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR PROGRESS TOWARDS JUSTICE AND PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE SPIRIT OF THE TALKS AND BY THE MORAL SUPPORT WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED HERE, BUT IT IS OF COURSE CLEAR THAT THE SERIOUS NEGOTIATION LIES AHEAD OF US AND THAT THE DECISION ON WHETHER THE OBJECTIVES OF PEACE - IN HUMAN DIGNITY - CAN BE ACHIEVED ARE NOT GOING TO BE MADE IN LUSAKA. SO

MR. FOREGN MINISTER, I LEAVE WITH THE DETERMINATION TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT. I HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED IN THIS BY MY CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR PRESIDENT AND HIS ASSOCIATES, AND I WANT TO THXVK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY RECEPTION WE HAVE HAD HERE. NOW I WILL BE GLAD TO TAKE A FEW QUESTIONS.

QUESTION: WILL YOUR STOP IN PRETORIA BE A NEGOTIATING STOP?

KISSINGER: MY STOP IN PRETORIA I HOPE WILL MOVE MATTERS FORWARD. SO THAT WHEN I RETURN TO LUSAKA WE WILL HAVE SOMETHING MORE PRECISE TO WORK THAT IS THE CASE TODAY.

QUESTIO: ARE YOU GOING TO SEE SMITH?

KISSINGER: I STATED LAST SATURDAY BEFORE I LEFT WASHING THAT I WOULD MEET SMITH ONLY UNDER THE CONDITION THAT THIS WAS THE FINAL ELEMENT IN REACHING A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION. I DO NOT HAVE THIS KNOWLEDGE TODAY, AND THEREFORE IS NO BASIS FOR MY MEETING HIM AT THIS TIME.

QUESTION: COULD YOU SPELL THAT OUT FOR US, MR. SECSRETARY?
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KISSINGER: I HAVE STATED MY VIEW AND THE AMERICAN POSITION. THERE IS NO POINT IN REPEATING IT EVERYDAY, SINCE I HAVE NOT HEARD ANTHYTHING YET ABOUT THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AMD MR. SMITH. I WILL NOT SEE MR. SMITH TO NEGOTIATE, I WILL SEE HIM IF IT HELPS TO MOVE MATTERS TO A CONLUSION AND ONLY IF SOME CLEAR RESULT IS IN PROSPECT. SINCE THAT IS NOT THE CASE TODAY, THERE IS NOTHING THAT I CAN ADD TO WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, IF YOUR NEGOTIATIONS FAIL AND OTHER FRIENDS OF AFRICA COME TO HELP WITH THE ONLY OTHER ALTERNATIVE OF ARMED STRUGGLE, WILL YOU STILL BE TALKING ABOUT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION?

KISSINGER: THE UNITED STATES IS OPPOSED TO OUTSIDE INTERVENTION

IN AFRICA. ALL THE AFRICAN PRESIDENTS WITH WHOM I HAVE SPOKEN MENTIONED THEIR DETERMINATION TO DEAL WITH THESE QUESTIONS AS AN AFRICAN PROBLEM. THERE IS NO POINT IN MY SPECULATING NOW ABOUT WHAT MAY HAPPEN, SINCE I HAVE NOT COME HERE TO FAIL.
QUESTION: DR. KISSINGER, WHAT ARE YOUR CHANCES NOW THAT YOU HAVE HAD TWO VIEWS FROM TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA THAT THE ARMED STRUGGLE SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED? WHAT ARE YOUR CHANCES IN THE EVENT OF TOTAL REJECTION OF YOUR INITIATIVES?

KISSINGER: I DO NOT WANT TO SPECULATE ABOUT WHAT THE UNITED STATES WILL DO IN THE CASE OF THE FAILURE OF A MISSION WHOSE FAILURE WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE. WE STATED OUR POLICY HERE IN LUSAKA AS SUPPORTING THE OBJECTIVES OF MAJORITY RULE, MINORITY RIGHTS, FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THESE OBJECTIVES WE WILL SUPPORT REGARDLESS OF THE SUCCESS OF ONE DIPLOMATIC MISSION.

QUESTION: WITH REGARD TO YOUR TALKS WITH JOHN VORSTER: HOW NEARER IS NAMIBIA TO INDEPENDENCE?

KISSINGER: I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS OR I WOULD NOT HAVE COME HERE. I THOUGHT THAT THE PROGRESS THAT HAD BEEN MADE WARRANTED THIS EFFORT BECAUSE I AGREE WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S STATEMENT OF YESTERDAY - THAT IF WE DO NOT MAKE THIS EFFORT, AND IF PEACEFUL FAIL, THE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE SOUTHERN PART OF AFRICA WILL BE TOO GHASTLY TO CONTEMPLATE.

QUESTION: DR. KISSINGER, ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA?

KISSINGER: I HAVE TO SEPARATE TWO PROBLEMS. ONE IS THE INTERNAL DIRECTION OF AFRICAN MOVEMENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT AFRICAN NATIONALISM UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL TAKE CARE OF ITS OWN EVOLUTION AND OF ITS OWN DIRECTION. THE SECOND PROBLEM IS OUTSIDE MILITARY INTERVENTION FROM OUTSIDE AFRICA, EITHER FROM THE SOVIET UNION OR FROM OTHER COUNTRIES SUPPORTED BY THE SOVIET UNION. THAT WE OPPOSE. THE DIRECTION OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IS A MATTER FOR AFRICANS TO SETTLE, AND WE WILL NOT INTERVENE IN THIS.

QUESTION: HAS BRITAIN GOT ANY SPECIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN YOUR INITIATIVES?

KISSINGER: BRITAIN HAS THE LEGAL AND HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR RHODESIA. EVERY INITIATIVE THAT WE HAVE TAKEN HAS BEEN TAKEN IN THE CLOSEST COORDINATION WITH GREAT BRITAIN. AND IF MY EFFORTS EITHER ON THIS TRIP OR LATER SHOULD SUCCEED, GREAT BRITAIN WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK BY WHICH A FURTHER REVOLUTION TAKES PLACE. THIS HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY ALL OF THE PARTIES.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, I WONDER IF YOU WOULD SHARE WITH US YOUR FEELINGS AS YOU ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRIP?

KISSINGER: I BELIEVE THAT A COMBINATION OF FACTORS HAS PRODUCED A SITUATION WHERE THE UNITED STATES, ALONE IN THE WORLD, IS IN A POSITION TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO AVOIDING A CONFLAGRATION. WE HAVE THIS RESPONSIBILITY WHICH WE DID NOT SEEK. IT IS IN THE INTEREST FIRST OF THE PEOPLES OF SOUTH AFRICA BUT EVENTUALLY OF ALL OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD THAT THE WORLD NOT BE DIVIDED

BETWEEN RACES, THAT THERE NOT BE A RACE WAR AND THAT OUTSIDE
POWE NOT MANIPULATE THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE. IF I CAN HELP
ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES I BELIEVE THAT THIS REFLECTS THE
VALUES OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR WHICH THE
UNITED STATES HAS ALWAYS STOOD.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, CAN YOU BE A LITTLE MORE SPECIFIC
ABOUT WHAT YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH IN SOUTH AFRICA?

KISSINGER: I HAVE STATED THE OBJECTIVES REPEATEDLY. WE WILL
TRY TO MOVE RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE, MAJORITY
RULE, MINORITY RIGHT AND A CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK IN WHICH,
AS PRESIDENT KAUNDA SAID YESTERDAY, ALL THE RACES AND ALL THE
PEOPLE CAN LIVE SIDE BY SIDE IN HUMAN DIGNITY.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN AMERICA S LATE
ARRIVAL ON THE SCENE?

KISSINGER: THE UNITED STATES HAS GONE THROUGH A VERY DIFFICULT
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DECADE IN WHICH IT WAS OCCUPIED WITH MANY PROBLEMS IN OTHER PARTS
OF THE WORLD. SECONDLY, UNTIL THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION
HAD REACHED A CERTAIN POINT, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE UNITED
STATES TO MAKE ITS INFLUENCE FELT THE WAY IT IS ATTEMPTING TO DO
NOW.

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, THE FRONTLINE COUNTRIES HAVE
DISCUSSED THIS TYPE OF NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE, BUT IT FAILED. NOW THEY
HAVE ADOPTED THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO INTENSIFY ARMED STRUGGLE.
NOW AMERICA HAS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE LATE. ARE YOU GENUINELY
SHUTTILING DIPLOMACY OR ARE YOU SIMPLY DISPLAYING SOME KIND OF
INTELLECTUAL SUPERIORITY?

KISSINGER: WELL, I DO NOT SEE HOW I CAN DEMONSTRATE INTELLECTUAL
SUPERIORITY BY FAILING. I AM HERE. WHEN I WAS IN AFRICA IN
APRIL, ALL OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING THIS, URGED THE
UNITED STATES TO MAKE AN EFFORT. I KNOW ALL PREVIOUS EFFORTS HAVE
FAILED, AND I TOLD PPRESIDENT KAUNDA THIS MORNING THAT IF WE
FAIL, WE WILL JOIN A DISTINGUISHED COMPANY. BUT I ALSO SAID I
HAVE NOT COME HERE TO FAIL. A JUST PEACE AND A JUST
SOLUTION MUST BE ONE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA ACCEPT AND
BELIEVE IN. IT CANNOT BE ONE THAT OUTSIDERS IMPOSE ON THEM.
AND IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH DEMONSTRATING ANY PARTICULAR QUALITY.

FOREIGN MINISTER MR. MWALE: MEMBERS OF THE PRESS, IT IS MY DUTY
AS A HOST TO ENSURE THAT MAY GUESTS KEEP TO THEIR SCHEDULE. I AM
AFRAID UNLESS WE HAVE TWO MORE QUESTIONS, I WILL HAVE TO ASK
THAT WE CLOSE THIS SESSION.

QUESTION: DR. KISSINGER, THERE ARE FOUR FRONTLINE STATES, THAT
IS ZAMBIA, TANZANIA AND BOTSWANA AND MOZAMBIQUE, BUT THE

SECRETARY OF STATE HAS ONLY VISITED TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA. IS THERE ANY SPECIAL REASON WHY HE HAS NOT GONE TO MOZAMBIQUE OR BOTSWANA?

KISSINGER: ASSOCIATES OF MINE HAVE ALREADY VISITED MOZAMBIQUE, AND OTHER ASSOCIATES OF MINE WILL VISIT BOTSWANA ON SATURDAY. AND IN ANY EVENT, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN BY THE FOUR FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS. WE COUNT ON THEIR UNITY, AND WE WILL WORK WITH THEM COOPERATIVELY.

QUESTION: BUT PRECISELY, HAS JOHN VORSTER INDICATED TO YOU AT ANY UNCLASSIFIED

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TIME THAT HE IS PREPARED TO GIVE INDEPENDENCE TO NAMIBIA?

KISSINGER: I HOPE THAT WHEN I RETURN HERE, THE PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE FOR NAMIBIA WILL BE BEYOND QUESTION.

MR. MWALE: MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, MADAM KISSINGER, ONCE AGAIN ON BEHALF OF THE PARTY, THE GOVERNMENT AND INDEED THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA WE WISH YOU ALL THE SUCCESS IN YOUR DIFFICULT TASK AND WISH YOU A SAFE TRIP TO PRETORIA AND BACK TO ZAMBIA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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